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Clara Barton elected to the Hall of Fame

Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross, initiator of the first public school system in New Jersey, and the recipient of numerous decorations and citations for her work on European battle-fields and for her efforts to alleviate famine in Europe and Asia, has been elected to the Hall of Fame for Great Americans in New York.

She was chosen along with two others, horticulturist Luther Burbank and Industrialist Andrew Carnegie, by a national panel of electors in the 18th election since 1900.

The Hall of Fame for Great Americans is a private non-profit organization connected with New

York University and the City University of New York.

Clara Barton was born into a Universalist family on Christmas, 1821, in North Oxford, Ma. Though not a church member, she shared the Universalist beliefs of her family.

Her birthplace was purchased in 1921, on the centenary of her birth, by the Association of Universalist Women.

The Clara Barton Birthplace, furnished with many of Clara Barton's personal possessions, Civil War relics and family heirlooms, is operated by the Unitarian Universalist Women's Federation (UUWF) as a museum.

On the same property is the Clara

Barton Camp for Girls with diabetes, created as a living memorial to Clara Burton and operated by the UUWF.

Others in the Hall of Fame who have been identified as UUs are John Adams, John Quincy Adams, Louis Agassiz, Susan. B. Anthony, George Bancroft, William Cullen Bryant, William Ellery Channing, Peter Cooper, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Oliver Wendell Holmes (father and son), Thomas Jefferson, James Kent, Sidney Lanier, Henry W. Longfellow, James Russell Lowell, Horace Mann, John Marshall, Maria Mitchell, John Lothrop Motley, Francis Parkman and Henry David Thoreau.